Payment of Bills of Railway Labour Societies- by Divisional Mechani-, cal Engineer, Allahabad

526. SHRI JAGDAMBIY PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some time schedule has been fixed by the Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad, for preparation and submission of coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling bills of Labour Cooperative Societies;

(b) if "so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the timely payment of bills is being deliberately delayed by accounts dealing assistants;

(d) th$_e$ details of complaints received from Societies during the last three years regarding harassment and delayed payment of bills together with action taken thereon; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to tackle the problem to ensure timely payment to workers?

'THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY' OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Information is being col. lected and will be laid On the Table of the Sabha.

Bills regarding Coal Handling, Cinder Picking and Ash Handling received by Allahabad Division for payment

527. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minisi^er of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Coal handling cinder picking ar-d ash handling bills received from each Society separately on Allahabad Division for different Loco Sheds and when the same were forwarded to Accounts Office at Allahabad during the period January. 1985 to February, 1987, month-wiaa separately;

(b) the date against each bill when the C07 was passed by the Accounti Officer;

(c) when the cheques for payment were made out by the Cheque Writers in respect of each bill for the . above mentioned period; and

(d) whether in spite of repeated complaints for demanding illegal gratification no action has been taken either by the Divisional Railway Manager or Divisional Accounts Officer against erring staff; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Tabla of the Sabha.

CBI/Incom© Tax Raids on Railway Officers

528. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the. details of Railway Officer* detected during raids conducted by CBI or Income Tax authorities during the last three years for having acquired assets disproportionate to thei» known sources of income;

(by what action has been taken against these officers; and

(cj what effective steps are proposed to be taken to eliminate corruption from railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being col lected and will be laid on the Tabl* of the Sabha.

(c) The following steps are taken to curb corruption on the Railways: —

(i) Development of sources of information, identification of corruption prone areas and* persons of doubtful integrity.

(ii) Keeping watch on the work/ activities of such persons and in such areas.

(iii) Conducting frequent and surprise checks.

(iv) Prompt investigation of all genuine complaints.

(v) Prompt initiation of proceedings for taking deterrent disciplinary action or prosecution in Court.

(vi) Close and frequent liaison with the CBI with whom useful - information is exchanged.

Recommendation of R. R. C. regarding R. D. S. O., Lucknow

529. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas ed to state:

(a) whther R. D. S. O. Lucknow i_s being dismantled according to the recommendations of the Railway Re-, forms Committee;

(b) what are the other Railway Reformg Committee recommendations affecting the RDSO, Lucknow;

(c) whether the labour organisations of the RDSO were consulted in the matter and if so, what was* their response; and

(d) whether the affectedd staff is proposed to be absorbed in other railway departments at Lucknow or , to be transferred outside?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI 3VCADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) It is presumed that the reference of the Hofteurable Member is to the recommendation of aaaoooa aoaoo oaoaoa oaao: it)te tetet taining to staff of R. D. S. O. The major recommendations made by the Committee in this context are indicated below: —

(i) RDSO should primarily be all R&D Instiution having preponderance of technical personnel, Peripheral, functions like maintenance of colonies and watch and ward' should be gradually shed and nontechnical personnel should be replaced by qualified technical personnel.

(ii) To attract Engineering Graduates to non-gazetted technical assignments, their promotion pros, pects should be adequately improved.

(iii) Reprographic machines should take over the work done by tracers while computer-aided drafting machines should gradually take over the work done by drafts men.

(ivj The Architectural Directorate of RDSO may be abolished and for designs of major projects, the Railwa-s may take advantage of the expertise available with well-known Architecture firms, Re search Institutions and Universities.

The subject came up for discussion in thj meetings of the Office Council of RDSO wherein staff expressed their views;

(d) The affected staff have been asked to give their options for redeployment. whlrh will be arrange* within RDSO, Divisional office a: Lucknow and elsewhere on Zonal Railways depending upon availability of vacancies.

India Vs. Pakistan Cricket Debacle

530. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA- Will the Sinister of HUMAN RESOURCE DfTVELOPMENT ' be pleased to state:

(a) wheth/n- after the Cricket de bacle in the recent cricket test series and one day international matches with Pakistan. Government have re viewed the c-mses for the "miserable performance of the Indian team with view bring about changes in the composition of the team; and

(b) if. so, what are the details thereof?